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A collection of illegal guns is displayed during a gun buyback event, May 22, 2021 in Brooklyn, N.Y.

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# Supreme Court expands gun rights, with nation divided

By JESSICA GRESKO

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — In a major expansion of gun rights after a series of mass shootings, the Supreme Court said Thursday that Americans have a right to carry firearms in public for self-defense, a ruling likely to lead to more people legally armed. The decision came out as Congress and states debate gun-control legislation.

About one-quarter of the U.S. population lives in states expected to be affected by the ruling, which struck down a New York gun law. The high court's first major gun decision in more than a decade split the court 6-3, with the court's conservatives in the majority and liberals in dissent.

Across the street from the court, lawmakers at the Capitol sped toward passage of gun legislation prompted by recent massacres in Texas, New York and California. Senators cleared the way for the measure, modest in scope but still the most far-reaching in decades.

Also Thursday, underscoring the nation's deep divisions over the issue, the sister of a 9-year-old girl killed in the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, pleaded with state lawmakers to pass gun legislation. The Republican-controlled legislature has stripped away gun restrictions over the past decade. President Joe Biden said in a statement he was "deeply disappointed" by the Supreme Court ruling. It "contradicts both common sense and the Constitution, and should deeply trouble us all," he said.

He urged states to pass new laws. "I call on Americans across the country to make their voices heard on gun safety. Lives are on the line," he said.

The decision struck down a New York law requiring people to demonstrate a particular need for carrying a gun in order to get a license to carry a gun in a concealed way in public. The justices said that requirement violates the Sec-



**Tom King, President Tom King, president of the plaintiff New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, speaks in his office, in East Greenbush, N.Y., Thursday, June 23, 2022.**

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ond Amendment right to "keep and bear arms."

Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the majority that the Constitution protects "an individual's right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home." That right is not a "second-class right," Thomas wrote. "We know of no other constitutional right that an individual may exercise only after demonstrating to government officers some special need."

California, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Rhode Island all have laws similar to New York's. Those laws are expected to be quickly challenged.

Gov. Kathy Hochul, D-N.Y., said the ruling came at a particularly painful time, with New York mourning the deaths of 10 people in a shooting at a supermarket in Buffalo. "This decision isn't just reckless. It's reprehensible. It's not what New Yorkers want," she said.

Gun control groups called the decision a significant setback. Michael Waldman, president of the Brennan Center for Justice and an expert on the Second Amendment, wrote on Twitter that the decision could be the "biggest expansion of gun rights" by the Supreme Court in U.S. history.

Republican lawmakers were among those cheer-

ing the decision. Tom King, president of the plaintiff New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, said he was relieved.

"The lawful and legal gun owner of New York State is no longer going to be persecuted by laws that have nothing to do with the safety of the people and will do nothing to make the people safer," he said. "And maybe now we'll start going after criminals and perpetrators of these heinous acts."

The court's decision is somewhat out of step with public opinion. About half of the voters in the 2020 presidential election said gun laws in the U.S. should be made more strict, according to AP VoteCast, an expansive survey of the electorate. An additional one-third said laws should be kept as they are, while only about 1 in 10 said gun laws should be less strict.

About 8 in 10 Democratic voters said gun laws should be made more strict, VoteCast showed. Among Republican voters, roughly half said laws should be kept as they are, while the remaining half closely divided between more and less strict.

In a dissent joined by his liberal colleagues, Justice Stephen Breyer focused on the toll from gun violence. Since the beginning of this year, "there have already

been 277 reported mass shootings — an average of more than one per day," Breyer wrote. He accused his colleagues in the majority of acting "without considering the potentially deadly consequences" of their decision. He said the ruling would "severely" burden states' efforts to pass laws "that limit, in various ways, who may purchase, carry, or use firearms of different kinds."

Several other conservative justices who joined Thomas' majority opinion also wrote separately to add their views.

Justice Samuel Alito criticized Breyer's dissent, questioning the relevance of his discussion of mass shootings and other gun death statistics. Alito wrote that the court had decided "nothing about who may lawfully possess a firearm or the requirements that must be met to buy a gun" and nothing "about the kinds of weapons that people may possess." "Today, unfortunately, many Americans have good reason to fear they will be victimized if they are unable to protect themselves." The Second Amendment, he said, "guarantees their right to do so."

Justice Brett Kavanaugh, joined by Chief Justice John Roberts, noted the limits of the decision. States can still require people to

get a license to carry a gun, Kavanaugh wrote, and condition that license on "fingerprinting, a background check, a mental health records check, and training in firearms handling and in laws regarding the use of force, among other possible requirements."

Backers of New York's law had argued that striking it down would lead to more guns on the streets and higher rates of violent crime. Gun violence, on the rise during the coronavirus pandemic, has spiked anew. Gun purchases have also risen.

In most of the country gun owners have little difficulty legally carrying their weapons in public. But that had been harder to do in New York and the handful of states with similar laws. New York's law, in place since 1913, says that to carry a concealed handgun in public, a person applying for a license has to show "proper cause," a specific need to carry the weapon. The state had issued unrestricted licenses where a person could carry a gun anywhere and restricted licenses allowing a person to carry the weapon but just for specific purposes such as hunting and target shooting or to and from their place of business.

The challenge to the New York law was brought by the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, which describes itself as the nation's oldest firearms advocacy organization, and two men seeking an unrestricted ability to carry guns outside their homes.

The Supreme Court last issued a major gun decision in 2010. In that decision and a ruling from 2008 the justices established a nationwide right to keep a gun at home for self-defense. The question for the court this time was just about carrying a gun outside the home. Thomas, who turned 74 on Thursday, wrote in his opinion that: "Nothing in the Second Amendment's text draws a home/public distinction with respect to the right to keep and bear arms." □



# Feds search Trump-era official's home, subpoena GOP leaders

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO, ERIC TUCKER and NOMAAN MERCHANT**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Federal agents searched a former top Justice Department official's home and seized records from key Republicans in at least four states linked to Donald Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election, in what were clear signs that authorities are ramping up their investigation of associates of the former president.

Authorities on Wednesday searched the Virginia home of Jeffrey Clark, who was known at the Justice Department to champion Trump's false claims of election fraud. Agents in recent days also served subpoenas on the Republican Party chairmen of Nevada and Georgia, two states that went for President Joe Biden and where Trump allies created slates of "alternate electors" intended to subvert the vote. And Republicans in two other states — Michigan and Pennsylvania — disclosed they had been interviewed by the FBI.

The Justice Department appears to be escalating its probe of pro-Trump efforts to overturn the 2020 election, which culminated in the deadly Jan. 6 insur-



**Jeffrey Clark, then-Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, speaks during a news conference at the Justice Department in Washington, on Sept. 14, 2020.**

**Associated Press**

rection. The disclosures of law enforcement activity came as the U.S. House committee investigating the riot said it had new evidence of Trump's efforts and his knowledge that he had no legal basis to try to overturn the election.

The committee's Thursday hearing focused on Trump's desire to install Clark atop the Justice Department in his administration's last days. The reason for the search of Clark's Virginia home was not immediately clear and it was not known what information

agents were searching for. The person who confirmed the search was not authorized to discuss it by name and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Both the committee and federal authorities are probing the use of replacements for duly chosen electors in seven battleground states that voted for Biden. Trump and his allies furiously pressured authorities in those states to replace Biden's electors with ones for him on specious or non-existent allegations that his victory was stolen.

There are growing revelations about the false slates of electors. The committee this week disclosed text messages that showed an aide to U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, a Wisconsin Republican and Trump ally, tried to hand-deliver the fake elector votes to an aide for former Vice President Mike Pence.

The texts show Pence's aide refused to accept the votes. Johnson told a Wisconsin conservative talk radio host on Thursday that the fake elector slates came from the office of

Rep. Mike Kelly of Pennsylvania.

Among those who have received subpoenas, according to a person familiar with the matter who was not authorized to discuss an ongoing investigation, was Georgia Republican Party chairman David Shafer.

Nevada GOP Chair Michael McDonald turned over his phone to federal agents Wednesday when they approached him outside his car in Las Vegas and presented a warrant, according to another person familiar with the matter. In Pennsylvania, FBI agents interviewed the chairman of the Allegheny County Republican Party at his home Thursday and gave him a subpoena for communications between him, Trump electors in the state and members of Trump's campaign and legal team, the party official, Sam DeMarco, told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

And in Michigan, Michele Lundgren told the Detroit News that someone from the FBI served her with a subpoena Thursday and that another Trump elector was served on Wednesday. Lundgren, 72, said her discussion with the agent was "long" and "pleasant" and that she let one of the agents go through her phone and computer. □

## California Senate rejects involuntary servitude amendment

By **ADAM BEAM**

**Associated Press**

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)**

— The California Senate on Thursday rejected a proposal to ban involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime after Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration warned it could cost taxpayers billions of dollars by forcing the state to pay inmates who work while in prison a \$15-per-hour minimum wage.

California's constitution bans both slavery and involuntary servitude — forcing someone to provide labor against their will — but there is an exception for

the punishment of a crime. Some state lawmakers proposed an amendment to remove that exception, an amendment that must first be approved by voters.

But the state Senate, which is controlled by Democrats, on Thursday failed to put the amendment on the ballot this fall. They could try again next week. But if it doesn't pass by June 30, it won't be on the ballot this year.

California is one of many states that allows involuntary servitude for the punishment of a crime. For decades, the state used that exception to make money

from its prison population by leasing inmates — mostly Black men — to private companies for work.

That "convict lease" system doesn't exist anymore. But California prison inmates are required to either work or participate in education or rehabilitative programs. Inmate jobs — which include things like clerks, painters and carpenters — pay salaries that range from a low of 8 cents per hour to 37 cents per hour.

The Newsom administration warned the amendment could require the state to pay prison inmates the minimum wage, which in



**In this Aug. 17, 2020, photo, inmate firefighters - notable by their bright orange fire gear compared to the yellow worn by professional firefighters - prepare to take on the River Fire in Salinas, Calif.**

**Associated Press**

California is \$15 per hour for companies with 26 or more employees. That could cost taxpayers \$1.5 billion per year.

Many Democrats did not vote for the bill because they were worried about how it would impact the prison system. □



# Michigan to destroy some blood spots in fight over consent

By ED WHITE

Associated Press

**DETROIT (AP)** — The state of Michigan has agreed to destroy more than 3 million dried blood spots taken from babies and kept in storage, a partial settlement in an ongoing lawsuit over consent and privacy in the digital age.

At the state's direction, hospitals have routinely pricked the heels of newborns to draw blood to check for more than 50 rare diseases. That practice, which is widespread across the U.S., isn't being challenged. Rather, the dispute is over leftover samples.

A blood spot from each child is stored in Lansing while five more are sent to the Michigan Neonatal Biobank in Detroit for safe-keeping under climate-controlled conditions.

Scientists can pay a fee to use the Detroit-stored samples for various research projects. Research with newborn blood spots occurs in other states, too, especially California, New York and Minnesota where they can be kept for decades.

Texas in 2009 agreed to destroy millions of spots to settle a lawsuit over privacy. Since 2010, Michigan must



This July 2022 photo shows a lab in Lansing, Mich., where the state health department tests blood from newborns for more than 50 rare diseases.

Associated Press

have permission from parents to use spots for research. But attorney Philip Ellison argues that the program still violates constitutional protections against searches and seizures and might not be fully understood by parents who are presented with forms amid the fog of childbirth.

Ellison claims the consent form and a related brochure

are vague, making no reference, for example, to the state collecting fees for blood spots used by scientists. "If moms and dads say, 'Use them. I don't care' — that's their business," he told The Associated Press. "But the state is not giving them enough information to make an informed decision. ... Most people have no recollection of signing

anything. My wife had a C-section. She was still groggy 12 hours later from all the drugs pumped into her from giving birth." Ashley Kanuszewski acknowledged that she signed forms allowing blood spots from two babies to be added to the research bank but doesn't recall receiving an informational brochure at the hos-

pital. "I don't like not knowing where or what they're using it for," said Kanuszewski, one of four parents who sued in 2018.

In May, after four years of litigation, the health department said it would destroy certain blood spots stored in Lansing over the next 18 months and stop adding to that inventory, according to an agreement filed in federal court in Bay City.

Those spots number 3.4 million, spokeswoman Lynn Sutfin said.

Sutfin declined to explain why the state agreed to get rid of them, citing the ongoing litigation. But in 2021, U.S. District Judge Thomas Ludington said the state had no specific permission from parents to keep a single leftover blood spot in Lansing.

The state has described them as spots that could be used by parents in case future health questions arise. The agreement to destroy those spots doesn't end the case. Still in play: Millions that are under the state's control at Wayne State University in Detroit and available for research, including many that precede May 2010 when the health department began asking for parental consent. □



Morgan Geyser speaks with attorney Anthony Cotton, Feb. 1, 2018. Geyser, 20, is asking a judge in Waukesha County to order her release as he did last year for her co-defendant, Anissa Weier.

Associated Press

**WAUKESHA, Wis. (AP)** — The second of two Wisconsin women who were sent to a state mental health facility after a 2014 stabbing attack on a sixth-grade classmate that they claimed

was to appease the horror character Slender Man is petitioning for her release. Morgan Geyser, 20, asked Waukesha County Judge Michael Bohren on June 14 to order her release as he

## Woman committed over Slender Man stabbing seeks her release

did last year for her co-defendant, Anissa Weier, who spent nearly four years at a mental health facility in Oshkosh.

During a hearing Thursday, Bohren appointed three doctors to evaluate Geyser's mental state and to submit their reports by Aug. 26. Prosecutors and defense attorneys will return to court on Sept. 12 to schedule another hearing to review the reports.

According to prosecutors, Geyser and Weier lured Payton Leutner to a Waukesha park following a sleepover in May 2014, and Geyser repeatedly stabbed Leutner while Weier urged her on. All three

girls were 12 at the time. Geyser and Weier left Leutner for dead, but she managed to crawl out of the woods in the park and was discovered by a passing bicyclist. She suffered 19 stab wounds and barely survived, according to medical staff who treated her. Police found Weier and Geyser later that day walking on Interstate 94 in Waukesha. They said they were traveling to Slender Man's mansion in northern Wisconsin and attacked Leutner because they thought it would make them Slender Man's servants and prevent him from killing their families.

Geyser pleaded guilty to attempted first-degree intentional homicide in a deal with prosecutors and a judge sent her to the Winnebago Mental Health Institute after determining she had a mental illness.

Weier, 20, pleaded guilty to attempted second-degree intentional homicide and was also sent to the psychiatric facility after a jury found she was suffering from a mental illness at the time of the attack.

Last September, Weier was granted a conditional release to live with her father and was ordered to wear a GPS monitor. Some restrictions are likely if Bohren orders Geyser's release. □



# European Union makes Ukraine a candidate for EU membership

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Associated Press

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — The European Union agreed Thursday to put Ukraine on a path toward EU membership, acting with uncharacteristic speed and unity to pull the embattled country further away from Russia's influence and bind it more closely to the West.

Meeting at a summit in Brussels, leaders of the EU's 27 nations mustered the required unanimous approval to grant Ukraine candidate status. That sets in motion a membership process that could take years or even decades.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy tweeted his gratitude and declared: "Ukraine's future is within the EU."

"It's a victory. We have been waiting for 120 days and 30 years," he said on Instagram, referring to the duration of the war and the decades since Ukraine became independent upon the breakup of the Soviet Union. "And now we will defeat the enemy."

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen pronounced it a "good day for Europe."

The EU also gave candidate status to the tiny country of Moldova, another former Soviet republic that borders



Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy speaks during a joint press conference with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, left, in Kyiv, Ukraine, Saturday, June 11, 2022.

Associated Press

Ukraine.

Ukraine applied for membership less than a week after Moscow invaded on Feb. 24. Thursday's decision was unusually rapid for the EU and its go-slow approach to expansion. But the war and Ukraine's request for fast-track consideration lent urgency to the country's cause.

To gain EU membership, countries must meet a detailed host of economic and political conditions, including a commitment to the rule of law and other democratic principles.

Ukraine will have to curb entrenched government corruption and adopt other reforms. The European Parliament endorsed Ukraine's bid hours before the summit started, passing a resolution that called on EU governments to "move without delay" and "live up to their historical responsibility."

"It will strengthen Ukraine, it will strengthen Europe. It is a decision for freedom and democracy and puts us on the right side of history," European Parliament President Roberta Metsola said

ahead of the final decision. The EU nations have been united in backing Ukraine in its fight against Russia's invasion with money and weapons, adopting unprecedented economic sanctions against the Kremlin.

EU candidate status doesn't give an automatic right to join the bloc and doesn't provide any immediate security guarantees. Once a country gains membership, however, it is covered under an EU treaty clause that says if a member falls victim to armed

aggression, the other EU countries are obligated to assist it by all the means in their power.

The main benefits of EU membership, though, are economic, since it gives access to a market of 450 million consumers with free movement of labor, goods, services and capital.

Ukraine has long aspired to join NATO, too, but the military alliance is not about to offer an invitation, in part because of governmental corruption, shortcomings in the country's defense establishment, and its contested borders.

Before the war, Russian President Vladimir Putin demanded that Ukraine never be allowed to join NATO, which he has condemned for its eastward spread toward Russia's flank. But earlier this month, he did not seem bothered by Ukraine's determination to get closer to the EU, saying it is not a military pact and thus "we have no objections."

The EU's leaders also agreed Thursday to recognize a "European perspective" for yet another former Soviet republic, Georgia. European Council President Charles Michel said the EU will be ready to approve its candidate status once "outstanding priorities" are addressed. □

## Germany says it helped 21,000 people get out of Afghanistan

By KIRSTEN GRIESHABER

Associated Press

**BERLIN (AP)** — The German government has managed to get more than 21,000 former local employees and other endangered people out of Afghanistan since the Taliban seized power almost a year ago, Germany's foreign minister said Thursday.

However, around 10,000 people are still waiting for an opportunity to get out with German help, Annalena Baerbock told reporters in Berlin. These are primarily people on a so-called "human rights list" and therefore particularly at risk. Only

half of this group has so far managed to leave Afghanistan.

Baerbock said that people who left Afghanistan, mostly through Pakistan, make up around two thirds of the total who have been approved for admission to Germany. They include Afghans who either worked for Germany as local employees or were involved in efforts for democracy and human rights in Afghanistan. About 75% of the local employees in particular have been able to leave. In addition, almost all German nationals and their families have left the coun-

try. The minister deplored that the economic and humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan continues to get worse and that human rights are being restricted on a massive scale.

"The bottom line is that the lives of people in Afghanistan have deteriorated drastically in the last few months," Baerbock said. One of the main obstacles that keeps people from getting out of Afghanistan is that the Taliban require those wanting to leave by plane to show a passport, which many at-risk people do not have. And neighboring countries insist on



German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock briefs the media about Germany's Afghanistan policy at the Foreign Ministry during a news conference in Berlin, Germany, Thursday, June 23, 2022.

Associated Press

visas, which can be expensive and also require owning a passport.

"I would like to say clearly that the difficulties of getting people out of Afghani-

stan in the first place will unfortunately remain and that is why it will also remain our main task to simply provide support on the ground," the minister said. □



# U.N. expert: Myanmar's pledge for clean polls 'preposterous'

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)** — Military-ruled Myanmar's promise of free and fair elections next year is "preposterous," a U.N. expert said Thursday as he warned the international community not to fall for the army regime's propaganda to legitimize its rule. Tom Andrews, the U.N. special rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, said the military has been working hard to "create an impression of legitimacy" after ousting the government of civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi in a February 2021 takeover. "Any suggestion that there could be any possibility of a free and fair election in Myanmar in 2023 is frankly preposterous. You can't have a free and fair election if you locked up your opponents. You can't have a free and fair election if you put your opponents on death row. This is outrage," he told a news conference during a visit to Malaysia. "Their propaganda machine works around the clock and they'll take any shred of evidence that they could find to make it appear as if the international community recognizes them as legitimate. That



Tom Andrews, the U.N. special rapporteur speaks during a press conference at a hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Thursday, June 23, 2022.

Associated Press

is something that we are very cautious about and very careful not (to) fall into that propaganda trap," Andrews added. The army seized power citing widespread fraud in the 2020 general election. It appointed new members to the election commission, which said that new multi-party polls next year would be free and fair. Andrews said ASEAN must ratchet up pressure on the Myanmar army to halt its

violence and release all political prisoners. He said ASEAN's five-point consensus plan should be stepped up to include clear actions and time frames. "The five-point consensus is meaningless if it is just sitting on a piece of paper," he said. "Its only chance of making a difference is to put it into meaningful action with a strategy, with an action plan, with a time frame." Andrews praised Malaysia

for engaging Myanmar's opposition National Unity Government, which was set up by elected lawmakers who were denied their seats in Parliament by the army coup. He urged other countries to do the same, calling the NUG a "legitimate entity" fighting a brutal military. He said the NUG could also offer resources in delivering humanitarian aid to Myanmar so the junta can't use the aid as a "weapon of

war." The military has faced widespread opposition to its rule. After soldiers and police used deadly force to crush peaceful demonstrations, a low-level armed insurrection has emerged in both the cities and countryside. According to Myanmar's Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, more than 2,007 protesters and bystanders have been killed in the junta's crackdown, though the government puts the death toll at about a third of that. Andrews commended Malaysia for taking in Myanmar refugees, especially minority Muslim Rohingya, but voiced concern over their treatment in the country. He said refugees he spoke to in Malaysia cited fears of being sent to migration detention, insufficient education opportunities for children and instances of extortion by police. Andrews said he was deeply worried about reports that hundreds of children, including victims of trafficking, may be held in detention facilities. The UN refugee agency has been denied access to these facilities since 2019. □



In this photo released by the official website of the Iranian Defense Ministry, military personnel stand near the flag-draped coffin of Mohsen Fakhri-zadeh, a scientist who was killed on Friday, during a funeral ceremony in Tehran, Iran, Monday, Nov. 30, 2020.

Associated Press

**By NASSER KARIMI**  
**Associated Press**  
**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)** — A court in Iran on Thursday ordered the United States government to pay over \$4 billion to the families of Iranian nuclear scientists who have been killed in targeted at-

tacks in recent years, state-run media reported. The largely symbolic ruling underscores the escalating tensions between Iran and the West over Tehran's rapidly advancing nuclear program, with negotiations to restore the tattered

## Iran orders U.S. to pay compensation for slain nuke scientists

atomic accord at a standstill. Although Tehran has blamed Israel in the past for slayings targeting Iranian nuclear scientists since a decade ago, Iran did not directly accuse its arch-foe Israel in its announcement. Iran has not recognized Israel since the 1979 Islamic Revolution that ousted the pro-West monarchy and brought Islamists to power. The court mentioned Israel only in saying the U.S. supported the "Zionist regime" in its "organized crime" against the victims. It's unclear how the court decision, like a raft of previous Iranian cases against the U.S. as the two sides have engaged in a spiraling escalation of threats,

would gain traction; there are no American assets to confiscate in the Islamic Republic. Still, the court branch, which is dedicated to the review of Iranian complaints against the U.S., summoned 37 former American officials, including former Presidents Barack Obama and Donald Trump, as well as former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, former Iran envoy Brian Hook and former Defense Secretary Ashton Carter. President Joe Biden wanted to return to the accord, but talks have stalled in recent weeks over America's designation of Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard as a terrorist organization.

Meanwhile, Iran is enriching uranium closer than ever to weapons-grade levels under decreasing international oversight. Earlier this month, Iran removed 27 surveillance cameras of the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency in what its director warned could deal a "fatal blow" to the nuclear accord. The families of three nuclear scientists who had been killed in targeted slayings, along with one nuclear scientist wounded in an attack, filed the lawsuit in Tehran, the country's state-run IRNA news agency reported, without identifying the plaintiffs. The court ordered that the U.S. pay \$4.3 billion in total compensation, including fines. □



# Official: 8 more die as Haiti prisons lack food, water

By **EVENS SANON** and **DÁNICA COTO**

**Associated Press**

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)**

— An official said Thursday that at least eight inmates have died at an overcrowded prison in Haiti that ran out of food two months ago, adding to dozens of similar deaths this year as the country's institutions crumble.

Hunger and oppressive heat contributed to the inmates' deaths reported this week by the prison in the southwest city of Les Cayes, Ronald Richemond, the city's government commissioner, told The Associated Press. He said the prison houses 833 inmates.

"Whoever can help should help immediately because the prisoners are in need," he said.

The United Nations Security Council released a report last week saying 54 prison deaths related to malnutrition were documented in Haiti between January and April alone.

It urged Haiti's government "to take the necessary measures to find a long-lasting solution to the prison food, water and medicine crisis."

The country's severely overcrowded prison system has long struggled to provide food and water to inmates. It blames insufficient government funds and the problem has worsened in



**Butchers carry a beef carcass in preparation to be shipped to the local market at an outdoor slaughterhouse in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Monday, June 13, 2022.**

recent months, leading to a new rise in severe malnutrition and deaths.

By law, prisons in Haiti are required to provide inmates with water and two meals a day, which usually consist of porridge and a bowl of rice with fish or some type of meat.

But in recent months, inmates have been forced to rely solely on friends or family for food and water, and many times they are unable to visit because gang-related violence makes some areas impassable, said Michelle Karshan, co-founder of the nonprofit

Health through Walls, which provides health care in Haiti's prisons.

The nonprofit joined three other organizations this year to feed the roughly 11,000 inmates in Haiti's 20 prisons for three months, helping at a time when the country was increasingly unstable following the July 7 killing of President Jovenel Moïse.

But the situation has since deteriorated.

"These deaths are very painful," she said. "The internal organs start to fail one by one. ... It's a horrible thing to witness."

Health through Walls has launched several programs to target the problem long term, including starting a garden at a prison in northern Haiti that produces spinach and other crops, along with a chicken coop and a planned fish farm.

"But that's one prison," Karshan said. "The bottom line is the prison system has to take responsibility. They can't sit back. ... They're the government."

Les Cayes and other cities in Haiti's southern region also have been affected by a spike in gang violence that has blocked

the main roads leading out of Haiti's capital, making it extremely difficult to distribute food and other supplies to the rest of the country, said Pierre Espérance, executive director of Haiti's National Human Rights Defense Network.

In addition, a water pump that the Les Cayes prison relies on has long been broken, forcing relatives and friends of inmates to carry buckets of water from long distances, Richmond said.

Les Cayes, like surrounding cities, is also still struggling to recover from a 7.2 magnitude earthquake that struck southwest Haiti in August, killing more than 2,200 people and destroying or damaging thousands of buildings.

Richmond said some of the prison cells were destroyed and have not been rebuilt, forcing authorities to cram even more people into a smaller space.

The cell occupancy rate in Haiti stands at more than 280% of capacity, with 83% of inmates stuck in pretrial detentions that in some cases can drag on for more than a decade before an initial court appearance, according to the U.N. Many prisoners take turns sleeping on the floor while others simply stand or try to make hammocks and attach them to cell windows, paying someone to keep their spot. □

**Associated Press**

## Nigerians blame fuel shortage on Ukraine war, fixed prices

By **CHINEDU ASADU**

**Associated Press**

**ABUJA, Nigeria (AP)**

Nigeria is grappling with widespread fuel shortages that are forcing motorists to spend hours in lines to buy gas and causing prices to surge for transportation and basic commodities.

Russia's war in Ukraine has caused prices to import fuel go up by more than 100% but retailers complain they can only charge the price set by the government, causing them to operate at a loss.

The government's promises

that the shortages will soon end have not improved the situation. Fuel retailers are pleading with the government to deregulate the market to allow them set their own prices.

But the Nigerian government this week insisted that the pump price must remain the same.

"The war in Ukraine has caused an increase in the diesel price (but) you have not allowed them (retailers) to increase the price ... to recover that cost. So where are they going to get the extra money?"

asked Clement Isong, CEO of the Major Oil Marketers Association of Nigeria.

Nigeria's current gas shortage — the third in 2022 — is because gas retailers are struggling with rising costs, Isong said. The cost of transporting gasoline to the depots has gone up by 80% in the past few months, he said. "People are suffering," he said, urging the government to allow higher prices. "What we are saying is, do it (raise the price) slowly, let it not stay fixed," said Isong. Gasoline shortages are frequent in Nigeria even



**Cars queue outside a petrol station in Lagos, Nigeria, Wednesday, June 22, 2022.**

**Associated Press**

though the country is one of Africa's biggest producers of crude oil. Nigeria produced an average of 1.42 million barrels per day in May, according to the Or-

ganization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. However, the country must import most of its fuel because it has very few functioning refineries. □



# Paseo Herencia is always fun and exciting to visit

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## Aruba Celebrates Festive Dera Gai and St. John's Day!



**ORANJESTAD** –Festive Dera Gai and St. John's Day celebrations will take place today, June 24th, across the island of Aruba. Aruba's harvest festival 'Dera Gai' is now a cultural celebration featuring traditional song and dance. The symbol of the rooster and bright yellow and red costumes are central to events held at various locations including community centers.

Dera Gai which translates to "burying of the rooster" in the local language-is a cultural festival which has been celebrated for about 100 years on Aruba with traditional song and dance. This holiday is rife with both pagan and Christian symbolism reflecting the influences of the Arawak natives and Spanish missionaries on the Island, respectively.

Traditionally, the Dera Gai celebration was centered around an unusual ritual. A hole was dug in the ground, and a live rooster was buried in the hole up to its neck. Blindfolded revelers would then be given three tries to decapitate the rooster with a long pole (piñata-style). (The Catholics considered this ritual to be symbolic of the decapitation of St. John the Baptist while the pagans believed that the spilling of the blood would fertilize the earth for the next growing season.) The one to carry out the deed was rewarded with bottles of alcohol and other prizes.

Today, a more humane approach is taken. For example, at the Dera Gai celebration at S.V. Sportboys in Santa Cruz-one of the biggest Dera Gai celebrations on the Island-revelers are blindfolded and tasked with locating a flag staked into the ground

while swaying their hips to the rhythms of a band. Every now and then, the coordinator of the game fools the blindfolded participants by moving the flag while the game is in progress. Folk dance groups also reenact the burying and decapitation of the rooster using a plastic rooster. Decked out in bright yellow-and-red costumes-the yellow said to represent the bloom of the local kibrahacha tree in the month of June-these groups also perform harvest dance rituals.

Many years ago, bonfires were built on the eve of St. John's Day in order to communicate the arrival of the holiday to neighbors. The old clippings from the previous year's harvest would be burnt in preparation for the coming growing season. Then, the whole Island started taking part in this tradition and bonfires would be burnt island-wide on St. John's Day itself, serving as an olfactory reminder of this unique local festival. □

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**PALM BEACH** - The Aruba Marriott complex congratulates Antonio Ras – Loss Prevention Supervisor and Tisha Powell – Loss Prevention Officer, with their special recognition from Sr. Bill Marriott – President of Marriott International – with respect to saving the life of a guest in March 2022.

This special recognition is identified as the 'Chairman's Citation' award by Marriott International, which is designed to recognize associates who have partaken in saving the life of a guest and to give gratitude to the associate for their act of bravery as well as promote safety and security through Marriott In-



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bravery were the characteristics and formula which helped save the life of a guest who was in his room, without a pulse, having suffered from a heart attack. Antonio and Tisha reacted in immediate response to give medical assistance through CPR as well as using the automated external defibrillator (AED) in order to stabilize the guest as they waited for an ambulance to arrive. Both the action and reaction from Antonio and Tisha were heroic acts and to be admired, which surely Sr. Bill Marriott has recognized through the beautiful form of appreciation by honoring Antonio and Tisha with this special recognition. □

## Can I have a ..., please?

**ORANJESTAD** — Want to taste something different for a change?? How about a different breakfast from what you are used to at your hotel. Hop in your car, drive around and anywhere around the island you will come across a local snack shop.

Here you will find all types of snacks loved by the locals. Try a pastechi, a Caribbean pastry filled with cheese or meat and fried up deliciously. Or perhaps you might want to try a croquette, a crusty little meat ball. A dedito is also a good option, it's a stick made out of cheese or hot-dog. If you want to try something more familiar go for a homemade hamburger or a ham and cheese toast, but with a local touch. All these snacks are ridiculously addictive. Freshen up with a delicious fruit shake (batido) made out of watermelon, strawberry, banana, papaya or just mix any fruit together. What makes these little snack shops more attractive is the warmth of its people and with the smile you are being served. □



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# Gas prices sting U.S. workers who depend on their cars

By DEE-ANN DURBIN

AP Business Writer

**DETROIT (AP)** — High gas prices have Wallace Reid looking for a new career.

Reid, who drives for Uber and Lyft in New York, fills up his Lexus at least three times a week. He pays around \$95 each time, about double what he was paying last year. To make up for that, he's driving more often, but he's also applying for other jobs that wouldn't require his car.

"It's more hours, more stress," he said. "New York City is not an easy city to work and it's affecting our lives."

Reid isn't alone. Millions of Americans who rely on their cars for work are changing their habits, signing up for carpools or even ditching their cars for bicycles as gas prices recently hit \$5 per gallon for the first time ever. This week, it's averaging \$4.95 per gallon nationwide, up from \$3.06 per gallon a year ago, according to AAA.

On Wednesday, President Joe Biden asked Congress to suspend federal gas taxes for three months, which would shave 18.4 cents per gallon off the price of gas. He also called on states to suspend their own gas taxes.

Biden's push faces uphill odds in Congress. In the meantime, gas is straining budgets.

Jace Shoemaker-Galloway agonized over whether to charge more for Paws and Whiskers Sitters, her pet-sitting business in Macomb, Illinois. She visits as many as



Wallace Reid fuels his vehicle he drives to make a living using ride-share apps, Wednesday, June 22, 2022, in the Queens borough of New York.

Associated Press

10 houses each day and fills up her 2018 Mazda CX-3 almost every week. One recent fill-up cost her nearly \$50.

This month, she finally acted. She contacted her clients and told them she was removing the 10% discount she has always given to repeat customers.

Shoemaker-Galloway, who is also a children's book author, said her customers were understanding. But she worries that gas prices will cut into her business in other ways.

"The cost isn't just impacting my bottom line," she said. "Because the price of everything is so expensive, people are cutting back on non-essentials, which means pet-sitting and book sales."

In a normal summer, Orvilia

Nieto might do some traveling in the RV she lives in in Lytle, Texas. But that might not happen this year. She is struggling to fill the tank of her 2008 Ford Expedition SUV so she can get to her job at a T.J. Maxx distribution center in San Antonio, about 20 miles away.

Nieto and her co-workers trade tips on where gas is cheapest. She sometimes carpools or fills her tank only halfway, which still costs her more than \$50. But she feels lucky.

A handful of colleagues on her shift, which ends at 2:30 a.m., ride their bikes home in the dark.

"It's been a rough road," she said. "If we lived in the city it would be easier, could take the bus, but at the end of the shift at 2:30 in the morning, what bus

line is available?"

Jill Chapman, a senior performance consultant with Insperty, a Texas-based human resources and recruitment company, said gas prices and commute lengths are increasingly a sticking point with job candidates. Chapman said companies may want to consider temporary bonuses, incentives for public transit or gas cards to help their employees.

"A business owner needs to acknowledge that there is stress associated with rising gas prices," Chapman said.

David Lewis, the CEO of Operations Inc., a Norwalk, Connecticut-based human resources consulting company, remembers handing out gas cards to his employees in 2009 when gas

prices topped \$4 per gallon. But this time he won't be doing that because employees have another option: working from home. "This is an unwelcome development for those companies that are trying to get people back to the office," Lewis said. "It is one more reasonable reason why those employees are pushing back."

Lewis has around 100 employees in Norwalk. Before COVID, 85% of them were in the office at least two days a week. Now, maybe 25% of them are. Lewis — and many of his clients — would like to see employees in the office more but say gas prices are a huge barrier.

"If you are the company that requires everyone to come in all the time, you're a pariah," he said.

Psychology professor Brian Cesario used to live within walking distance of the college where he teaches. But last year, he moved 55 miles away to Hopewell Junction, New York, so he could afford a larger home for his growing family.

For those who must commute, there can be options. On Tuesday, Uber announced it was bringing back discounted shared rides in nine U.S. cities this summer, including New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

Organizations that link carpools — like one run by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments in the Detroit area — say they are seeing significantly more participants. □

## Nike makes full exit from Russia after suspending operations

By The Associated Press

Nike will fully shut down operations in Russia, joining other international companies that have withdrawn from the country after its brutal invasion of Ukraine. Nike Inc. suspended operations three months ago at all of its company-owned and operated stores in Russia but like other major cor-

porations, has attempted to avoid exposing employees to hardship during a complete withdrawal.

The Russian newspaper Vedomosti reported last month that Nike had ended its relationship with Inventive Retail Group, its largest franchisee in the country.

"Our priority is to ensure we

are fully supporting our employees while we responsibly scale down our operations over the coming months," the sports apparel maker said Thursday.

McDonald's and Starbucks, after suspending operations, also fully withdrew from Russia in recent weeks. □



The Nike logo hangs at a store in Miami Beach, Fla. on Aug. 8, 2017.

Associated Press



# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three I's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I WAS TAUGHT THAT THE WAY OF PROGRESS WAS NEITHER SWIFT NOR EASY. — MARIE CURIE

## Instagram tests using AI, other tools for age verification

By BARBARA ORTUTAY and MATT O'BRIEN

AP Technology Writers

Instagram is testing new ways to verify the age of people using its service, including a face-scanning artificial intelligence tool, having mutual friends verify their age or uploading an ID.

But the tools won't be used, at least not yet, to block children from the popular photo and video-sharing app. The current test only involves verifying that a user is 18 or older.

The use of face-scanning AI, especially on teenagers, raised some alarm bells Thursday, given the checkered history of Instagram parent Meta when it comes to protecting users' privacy. Meta stressed that the technology used to verify people's age cannot recognize one's identity — only age. Once the age verification is complete, Meta said it and Yoti, the AI contractor it partnered with to conduct the scans, will delete the video.

Meta, which owns Facebook as well as Instagram, said that beginning on Thursday, if someone tries to edit their date of birth on Instagram from under the age of 18 to 18 or over, they will be required to verify their age using one of these methods.

Meta continues to face questions about the negative effects of its products, especially Instagram, on some teens.

Kids technically have to be at least 13 to use Instagram, similar to other social media platforms. But some circumvent this either by lying about their age or by having a parent do so. Teens aged 13 to 17, meanwhile,



This Friday, Aug. 23, 2019, file photo shows the Instagram app icon on the screen of a mobile device in New York.

Associated Press

have additional restrictions on their accounts — for instance, adults they are not connected to can't send them messages — until they turn 18.

The use of uploaded IDs is not new, but the other two options are. "We are giving people a variety of options to verify their age and seeing what works best," said Erica Finkle, Meta's director of data governance and public policy.

To use the face-scanning option, a user has to upload a video selfie. That video is then sent to Yoti, a London-based startup that uses people's facial features to estimate their age. Finkle said Meta isn't yet trying to pinpoint under-13s using the technology because it doesn't keep data on that age group — which would be needed to properly train the AI system. But if Yoti does predict a user is too young for Instagram, they'll be asked to prove their age or have their account removed, she said.

"It doesn't ever recognize, uniquely, anyone," said Julie Dawson, Yoti's chief policy and regulatory officer. "And the image is instantly deleted once we've done

it."

Yoti is one of several biometric companies capitalizing on a push in the United Kingdom and Europe for stronger age verification technology to stop kids from accessing pornography, dating apps and other internet content meant for adults — not to mention bottles of alcohol and other off-limits items at physical stores.

Yoti has been working with several big U.K. supermarkets on face-scanning cameras at self-check-out counters. It has also started verifying the age of users of the youth-oriented French video chatroom app Yubo. While Instagram is likely to follow through with its promise to delete an applicant's facial imagery and not try to use it to recognize individual faces, the normalization of face-scanning presents other societal concerns, said Daragh Murray, a senior lecturer at the University of Essex's law school. A 2019 study by a U.S. agency found that facial recognition technology often performs unevenly based on a person's race, gender or age. The National Institute of Standards and Technology found higher error rates for the youngest and oldest people. There's not yet such a benchmark for age-estimating facial analysis, but Yoti's own published analysis of its results reveals a similar trend, with slightly higher error rates for women and people with darker skin tones. □

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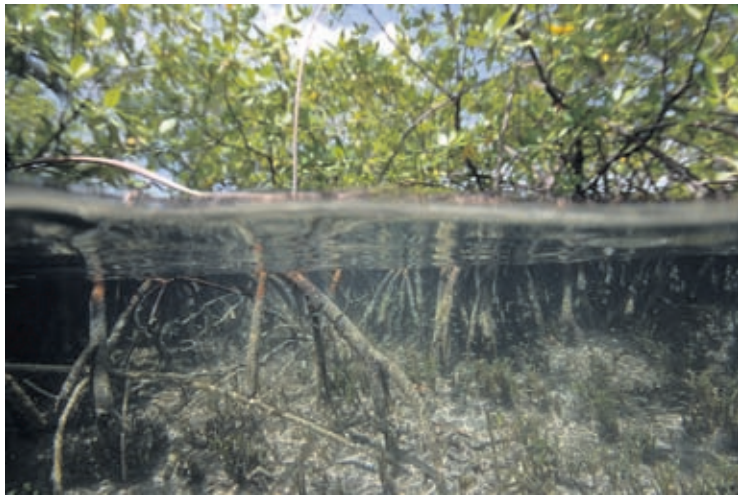
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# World's biggest bacterium found in Caribbean mangrove swamp



This photo provided by the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in June 2022 shows mangroves in the Guadeloupe archipelago in the French Caribbean where the *Thiomargarita magnifica* bacteria were discovered.

Associated Press

By CHRISTINA LARSON  
AP Science Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Scientists have discovered the world's largest bacterium in a Caribbean mangrove swamp. Most bacteria are microscopic, but this one is so big it can be seen with the naked eye.

The thin white filament, approximately the size of a human eyelash, is "by far the largest bacterium known to date," said Jean-Marie Volland, a marine biologist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and co-author of a paper announcing the discovery Thursday in the journal *Science*. Olivier Gros, a co-author and biologist at the University of the French West Indies and Guiana, found the first example of

this bacterium — named *Thiomargarita magnifica*, or "magnificent sulfur pearl" — clinging to sunken mangrove leaves in the archipelago of Guadeloupe in 2009. But he didn't immediately know it was a bacterium because of its surprisingly large size — these bacteria, on average, reach a length of a third of an inch (0.9 centimeters). Only later genetic analysis revealed the organism to be a single bacterial cell. "It's an amazing discovery," said Petra Levin, a microbiologist at Washington University in St. Louis, who was not involved in the study. "It opens up the question of how many of these giant bacteria are out there — and reminds us we should never, ever un-

derestimate bacteria." Gros also found the bacterium attached to oyster shells, rocks and glass bottles in the swamp. Scientists have not yet been able to grow it in lab culture, but the researchers' say the cell has a structure that's unusual for bacteria. One key difference: It has a large central compartment, or vacuole, that allows some cell functions to happen in that controlled environment instead of throughout the cell. "The acquisition of this large central vacuole definitely helps a cell to bypass physical limitations ... on how big a cell can be,"

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said Manuel Campos, a biologist at the French National Center for Scientific Research, who was not involved in the study. The researchers said they aren't certain why the bacterium is so large, but co-author Volland hypothesized it may be an adaptation to help it avoid being eaten by smaller organisms. □

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# Director James Burrows looks back on his career in new book

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — James Burrows loves sitcoms, and he should. The 81-year-old has directed more than 1,000 episodes of TV sitcoms, including fan favorites such as "Friends," "Cheers," and "Will & Grace." He's also directed the pilot episodes for "Frasier," "Two and a Half Men," "The Big Bang Theory" and more, setting the tone for the series going forward. Ask him why there are so few of his beloved sitcoms on the air these days and Burrows can't answer.

"It's not a good time for the multi-camera sitcom right now. I don't know why. People ask me and I say, I don't know why. There's only two or three on the air." He does believe the next big sitcom will come, and that will make multi-cam sitcoms popular again, but adds he "doesn't see that show on the horizon right now."

Burrows looks back on his famed career in a new book called "Directed by James Burrows," detailing how he got started in showbiz and became Hollywood's go-to director for sitcom pilots, setting shows up for success to go forward.

He spoke with The Associated Press about the book, working on "Friends" and what entices him to work these days. Remarks have been edited for clarity and brevity.

**AP: The business seems to prefer single camera comedies these days. Why do you prefer multi-cam?**



James Burrows, director of the television series "Partners," poses for a portrait on the set of the show at Warner Bros. Studios in Burbank, Calif., on Sept. 19, 2012.

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**BURROWS:** What I do is not really television. It's really theater that I film for television, so the structure of the piece has to be the work done with the actors and the writers on stage, and then you cover it with a camera. But what makes it great is the interaction, not necessarily the camera work, it's the characters and the situation.

**AP: A touching point in the book is when you recall sitting down with the cast of "Friends" when you were leaving the show, and giving them a very fatherly talk about how to handle future situations, such as, listen and learn from new directors but "if you disagree, say something." You reminded them that they knew their characters better than anyone and that David Schwimmer and Jennifer Aniston, in particular, should push for opportunities to do physical com-**

**edy, because it's where they shined.**

**BURROWS:** They were all in their 20s and I just wanted to enable them to understand how gifted they all were and to be able to express what they thought about the piece with ensuing directors and the writers because they were all really creative. If an actor contributes, it only makes the show better and it only makes the actor happier to be part of the creative process. I tried to enable them to out there when I left the show and express themselves.

**AP: You also say that one of the few regrets of your career is that you didn't stick with the show throughout its nine season run. Why do you think "Friends" is still so popular today?**

**BURROWS:** There's always a new generation of demographic that watches the show. My kids were too

young when I was doing it to watch it, but they watch it now and their kids are going to watch it and their kids are going to watch it. There's something really special about that show.

**AP:** The actors who've worked with you always express such love for you. Why do you think that is?

**BURROWS:** It's comedy. That's what it should be and what rehearsals should be. I did invoke my fun clause once. I was working on a show and the actors were too difficult. So I said, 'Start my car.' And I started my car and I was off. I can't work under those circumstances. There has to be this feeling on the set that I work, that we're all in it to make a good show and not to either count lines or complain about the writing or other actors.

**AP: In the book, you include examples of problem solving on the job and**

**provide insight into certain situations that could be helpful for working directors or those who want to become directors. Was that intentional?**

**BURROWS:** It's pretty specific to sitcoms but there are tips in there. The, major tip, which I always try to get out in the community of sitcom directors, is to die with your boots on. It's a writers-driven medium, the writer is also the executive producer and so they kind of control it. There's a lot of sitcom directors who are just traffic cops, who just move people around an parrot exactly what the writers say. I'm a big advocate of, once the read-through of the script is over, you go down to the stage and rehearse and try new things.

**AP: These days how do you decide when you're going to take something on or say yes to directing a show?**

**BURROWS:** I'm very selective. I haven't found a show yet that I would attach myself to, like I did with "Will & Grace," which really made me laugh and was like a fountain of youth for me. The last thing I did was I did a pilot with Valerie Bertinelli that didn't get picked up. And before that, I did "Live in Front of a Studio Audience," with "The Facts of Life" and "Diff'rent Strokes," where we had adults playing kids, Kevin Hart and Snoop Dogg and Jen Aniston and Kathryn Hahn and Jason Bateman and Will Arnett. Those make me really happy because I love those people and I love the challenge of taking a show that's decades old and doing it again. □



Former Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning appears in Alexandria, Va., on May 16, 2019, left, and cover art from Manning's book "README.txt," releasing Oct. 18.

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — A memoir by Chelsea Manning will

## Chelsea Manning memoir to be published in October

come out this fall. The book is titled "README.txt," and it's scheduled for release on Oct. 18. The former intelligence analyst served seven years in a military prison for leaking a trove of documents to WikiLeaks before President Barack Obama commuted the remainder of her 35-year sentence

in 2017. The day after her conviction, Manning declared her gender identity was a woman and began to transition. "In README.txt, Manning recounts how her pleas for increased institutional transparency and government accountability took place alongside a fight to defend her rights as

a trans woman," according to an announcement Thursday by Farrar, Straus and Giroux. "Manning details the challenges of her childhood and adolescence as a naive, computer-savvy kid, what drew her to the military, and the fierce pride she has about the work she does." □



# American swimmers claim redemption at worlds: 3 more golds

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BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) —

On a night of redemption for American swimmers, Lilly King, Ryan Murphy and the men's 4x200 freestyle team claimed three more gold medals for the United States at the world swimming championships on Thursday.

King atoned for missing out on the podium in the 100 breaststroke by winning the 200 breaststroke final for the first time.

"Any time I have a bad swim, I feel like I got a lot of haters out there. And just to be able to prove them wrong, gets me going," King said.

The 25-year-old finished strongly to clock 2:22.41 and beat Australia's Jenna Strauch by 0.63. Kate Douglass claimed the bronze for the U.S.

King previously won golds in the 50 and 100 breaststroke at the 2017 and 2019 worlds.

"It's really nice to be able to kind of complete the set and I guess I'm a decent swimmer now," King joked of her 10 medals — nine of them gold — from a worlds. Only Caeleb Dressel, with 15, has claimed more since 2017.

Murphy got the Americans' second gold of the evening in the men's 200 back-



Ryan Murphy of United the United States competes to win the men's 200m backstroke final at the 19th FINA World Championships in Budapest, Hungary, Thursday, June 23, 2022.

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stroke, clocking 1:54.52 to beat Britain's Luke Greenbank by 0.64 seconds and U.S. teammate Shaine Casas by 0.83.

At 26, Murphy is another relative veteran on the American team. It was his first gold from an individual event at a worlds, adding to his four from relays.

"I think back to 2014, I was the youngest guy in the team and I had some really good people that were leading us back then. And so it's cool to think that I'm in a position to mentor the young guys now," Murphy

said. "We've got an incredible legacy at USA Swimming. It's cool to try to pay that forward."

In the relays, the Americans had some making up to do in the men's 4x200 freestyle after failing to finish among the medals for the first time ever in that race at the Olympics last year.

Drew Kibler, Carson Foster, Trenton Julian and Kieran Smith duly obliged by clocking 7:00.24 in Thursday's final to finish more than three seconds ahead of the Australian and British teams.

The Brazilian team looked like claiming a place finish but lacked the finishing power of its rivals, with Mack Horton clinching silver for the Australians and Tom Dean the bronze for Britain — the country's 100th medal at a worlds.

"That's an amazing achievement," Dean's teammate James Guy said. "And that's really great that we delivered it, I'm so happy about this." Australians claimed the other two golds on offer at the Duna Arena in Budapest on Thursday.

The 18-year-old Mollie O'Callaghan took the first, clocking 52.67 seconds in the women's 100 freestyle to beat world record holder Sarah Sjöström by 0.13 seconds.

It is O'Callaghan's first world title, while Sjöström won her 17th individual medal at a worlds, second only to Michael Phelps with 20. It was Sjöström's record fifth medal in the 100 at a worlds, but the Swedish swimmer has never won gold.

"Still, I'm so, so happy with (the medal) like never before because I'm competing against such young ladies around me so here in the final I'm the most experienced one," the 28-year-old said. "That was a great competition."

Defending champion Simone Manuel was among several notable absences from the race including with Siobhán Haughey, Shayna Jack, Emma McKeon and Cate Campbell.

World record holder Zac Stubblety-Cook won the men's 200 breaststroke in 2:07.07 — 1.31 ahead of Japan's Yu Hanaguruma and Sweden's Erik Persson, who tied for second. Persson is the first Swedish man to win a medal at the worlds since 2007. "The plan? To be honest, I didn't really have one, I just tried to swim as fast as I could," Persson said. □

## In Gee Chun shoots 64, races to early lead at Women's PGA

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BETHESDA, Md. (AP) —

In Gee Chun breezed to an 8-under 64 on Thursday to jump out to a big early lead in the first round of the Women's PGA Championship.

While most of the field slogged through the day on the wet Blue Course at Congressional, Chun birdied seven of eight holes during one stretch. She was seven shots better than anyone else who started in the morning, making her a threat to break the record for the largest 18-hole lead

in a women's major — set by Mickey Wright, who led this tournament by five shots after 18 in 1961.

"I don't know what golf course In Gee is playing," defending champion Nelly Korda said after finishing her round of 71.

Chun was playing the same course as everyone else — one that went through a full restoration last year. There was heavy rain in the area overnight and more precipitation during play Thursday morning. That softened the course but also made Congressional's length

— 6,809 yards for this first round — more of a factor. No big deal for Chun, a two-time major winner.

"The course, after a lot of rain, feels longer," the 27-year-old South Korean said. "At the same time, greens were softer. So I think it was just a balance." Although there was plenty of golf left to play, Chun's early seven-shot lead certainly turned heads.

"I can't stop staring at the leaderboard," Justin Thomas tweeted. "Leading by 7 halfway thru day 1!!!!" Hye-Jin Choi was 3 under through 11 holes in



In Gee Chun, of South Korea, hits on the ninth fairway during the first round in the Women's PGA Championship golf tournament at Congressional Country Club, Thursday, June 23, 2022, in Bethesda, Md.

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the afternoon, one of several players who threatened to shrink Chun's lead — but not by much. Chun, who started on the

back nine, birdied Nos. 15, 16, 17 and 18. After a bogey on No. 1, she rebounded with three more birdies in a row. □



# Swanson homers twice, Braves hold on to beat Giants 7-6

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**ATLANTA (AP)** — After a slow start to the season, Braves shortstop Dansby Swanson has turned it around and is sizzling at the plate.

His team is following suit.

Swanson hit two home runs and the Atlanta Braves built a big lead early before holding off the San Francisco Giants 7-6 Thursday for their 18th win in 21 games this month.

"It's definitely been a good one," said Swanson, who's hitting .385 over his last 30 games to boost his average to .302. "I've been working to keep things simple. Most people have gotten to know me pretty good around here, and everything I do is with the mindset to win games. I'm just going to continue with that and put us in a position to be successful."

Swanson, who homered to begin a three-run rally in the ninth inning for a 4-3 win over the Giants a night earlier, had three hits and



Atlanta Braves' Dansby Swanson is hit by a pitch, which brings in a run, in the second inning of a baseball game against the San Francisco Giants, Thursday, June 23, 2022, in Atlanta.

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drove in three runs.

He hit a leadoff home run in the first and connected again in the fourth, his 12th, for a 7-1 lead. It was his seventh career multihomer game, the last coming Aug. 14, 2021, at Washington. Travis d'Arnaud hit a

two-run single in a five-run second inning as the Braves tagged Alex Wood (5-6). The defending World Series champion Braves moved 11 games over .500 for the first time this season. They have won 10 of their last 11 home games, outscoring

the opposition 67-39 and hitting 26 homers to opponents' 12.

Atlanta closed within four games of the New York Mets in the NL East.

"There's a lot of confidence flowing," Swanson said. "I feel like we've done a really good job of staying true to ourselves and kind of finding our identity as a team."

"We're starting to find our groove, and I feel like a lot of guys on our team are starting to find themselves as well. You put that together, and it's a powerful thing," he said.

San Francisco, which grounded into four double plays in the first four innings, has dropped four of five.

"It felt like we were an inning short," Giants manager Gabe Kapler said. "They made one more pitch, made one more play, advanced one more base than we did. I personally don't take a lot satisfaction in being close in games."

Atlanta starter Kyle Wright (8-4) allowed 10 hits and four runs in 5 1/3 innings. Wright got Evan Longoria to ground into a double play with the bases loaded to end the first. He gave up an RBI single to Curt Casali in the second and a homer to Austin Slater that made it 7-2.

Tommy La Stella hit an RBI double as the Giants

scored twice in the sixth and chased Wright. Jesse Chavez relieved and walked pinch-hitter Brandon Belt to load the bases before Mike Yastrzemski struck out for the fourth time to end the threat.

Will Smith gave up Slater's RBI single in the eighth to make it 7-5.

Kenley Jansen recorded his 19th save in 22 chances and the 369th of his career to pass Jonathan Papelbon for 10th place on the career list. Joc Pederson, who played for the Braves last year, hit his 16th home run, sending a two-out drive into the second deck of the Chop House restaurant in right field. Wood (5-6) was charged with four hits and six runs after pitching one inning and retiring none of the six batters he faced in the second. Wood, who recorded his 1,000th career strikeout when d'Arnaud whiffed, began the game 3-0 with a 1.47 ERA in three career starts at Truist Park. This was the second-shortest start of Wood's career. The shortest came July 9, 2015, at Colorado when he pitched for Atlanta and sustained an injury after two pitches.

"These guys have been grinding. We've had a brutal travel schedule and these guys have been playing their butts off and for me to go out there and do that is really deflating," he said.

"That's the way it goes sometimes. I'll just get back on the horse and get ready for the next one."

## DODGERS 10, REDS 5

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Freddie Freeman homered and drove in three runs, leading Clayton Kershaw and Los Angeles past Cincinnati.

Cody Bellinger, Max Muncy, Will Smith and Justin Turner also homered for the NL West-leading Dodgers, who outscored the Reds 52-18 in winning all seven games against them this year.

The Dodgers now travel to Atlanta, where Freeman was the longtime face of the franchise and helped the Braves win the World Series last year. □



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